

This Week at Our ParishesSunday, February 11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Joel Gustin by Jason and Jamie Gustin
- 9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parishes
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Joey Hekkema by the Hekkema family
- 12:00 p.m. Private Party at Our Lady of Grace
- 12:00 p.m. Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
- 12:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) para † Ramiro Botello y † Guadalupe Gutierrez by Bereniz Mendez-Botello
- 1:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council #9802 insurance meeting at St. Mary
- 2:00 p.m. Private recording at St. Mary
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation on Human Suffering at St. Mary
- 4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary
- 7:00 p.m. Grupo de studio biblico hispano en Santa María

Monday, February 12

- Readings: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 9:45 a.m. Holy Family Co-Op at Our Lady of Grace
- 11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at OLG
- 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG † Joey Hekkema by Marty and Monica Stevens
- 12:45 p.m. Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes at OLG

Tuesday, February 13

- Readings: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
- 8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Julia Gonzales by her family
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at Our Lady of Grace
- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting at St. Mary

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday

- Readings: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary
- 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace

Thursday, February 15

- Readings: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
- 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Francis Lanciaux by William and Benita Mikesell
- 12:45 p.m. Mother of Perpetual Help devotion at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Taller de Oración y Vida at Santa María

Friday, February 16

- Readings: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus, Jesus Christ Crucified
- 11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
- 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † June Eller by Richard and Marlene Eller
- 12:45 p.m. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Mary
- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Grace

Saturday, February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- Readings: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 1:00 p.m. Baptisms at St. Mary
- 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Ed McMahon by Mary Dunkel

Sunday, February 18: 1st Sunday of Lent

- Readings: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Raymond and Catherine Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski
- 9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Wanda Alvesteffer by her family
- 11:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council #13579 breakfast at St. Mary
- 12:00 p.m. Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
- 12:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parishes
- 4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Hogan by Pat Hogan
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Faith Formation at St. Mary

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“All men are called to the same end: God himself. There is a certain resemblance between the unity of the divine persons and the fraternity that men are to establish among themselves in truth and love. Love of neighbor is inseparable from love for God.” (CCC 1878)

† Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Genesis 3:19

Mass Attendance: February 4, 2018

OLG 4:00pm: 158 OLG 9:00am: 89
 SM 9:00am: 37 SM 10:30am: 160
 SM 12:30pm: 115 SM 5:00pm: 184

Prayer Line

St. Mary's: Benita Mikesell, 231-803-4425
 or Jean Gawel, 231-798-8493

Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 231- 670-5073

Prayer Requests**Please keep these individuals in your prayers**

Phil Hoos, Frank and Nancy Cereska, Evelyn Smith,
 Diane Williams, Mike and Patti Birkhold, Larry Gilbert,
 Fred Kenny, Jr., Yvonne Petersen, Delores Zakroczemski,
 John Potter, Ellis Dilts, Rose Marie Mikesell, Ron Betlejewski,
 Ben Offrink, Gail Gee, Betty Gee, John McCormick,
 Sotero Leyton, Billie Leonard, Gloria Cline, Pat Hogan, Jeff Kenny,
 Shirley Green, Ron Faino, Jose Alcahuter, Christine Siedlecki,
 Ralph Alvesteffer, Bill Forton, William & Benita Mikesell

Please pray for our homebound parishioners

Ruth Stevens, Jim Dalum, Rose Ann Bird,
 Bernice Brown, Rosemary Keefe, Vivian Smith,
 Betty Reilly & Johanna Ripka

Please pray for our parishioners who are in care

Dorothy Bauer, Eugene Rewalt, Arlene LeBeau,
 Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Shirley Sterritt,
 Ruth Ruby, Gene Gianetti Jr., Rosalie Venne, Alyce Donalson,
 Lucille Radke, Kathy Hale & Tillie Standage

Please pray for our parishioners in the military

PFC Abraham Angel Luis Aguilar; SSG. Richarda (Rikki) Amaya;
 Private Jakob Bergquist; Spec. Alex Block; Nic Frank, Air Force;
 IS3 Cody Hacker; Erin McDermott, US Army;
 Fireman Ryan McIntire, US Coast Guard;
 1st Lt. Timothy Merkle; Wade Sanford, U.S. Air Force;
 Andrew Shadowski, U. S. Army; Major Adam Shaw;
 Staff Sgt. Casey Sowa; Master Sgt. April Sowa;
 Noah Sweet, U. S. Army; Elias Vihtelic, US Navy

Presentation on Human Suffering

based on an Apostolic Letter of St. Pope John Paul II
 "On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering"

Presented by Deacon Bill Cook

TODAY! February 11, 2018
 3:00pm at St. Mary's

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, February 18, 2018
 following the 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's

Q & A with Fr. Matt

Come and ask Fr. Matt those burning questions
 you have about the Catholic faith.

Please note: MCC Voucher parents are required to attend.



Pray for the holy souls
 in purgatory.

**Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions**

February 4, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount: \$ 5,544.00
 General Fund \$ 4564.37
 Online-Giving \$ 977.40 -2.23
 1/28/18 Donuts \$ 29.00

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount \$ 7,128.75
 General Fund \$ 4492.00
 Online-Giving \$ 707.30 -1929.45
 Restoration \$ 934.00
 Altar Society \$ 35.00

Contribution Counters: Week of February 11
 OLG Team 1 - St. Mary Team 3

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Jesus' healing power is extraordinary. Based on today's reading from Leviticus, the Jewish world into which Jesus was born gave no hope to victims of leprosy. They were ostracized! In today's Gospel, Jesus gave the leprosy man Hope. Jesus healed him and returned him to society, the Temple, and family. *Remember: have Hope!* In God we hope. Hope is God. *What's troubling you today? Say to Jesus, "If You wish, You can take this away from me." Jesus will say, "I do will it for you."* Jesus will give you Hope and Peace. His Spirit will give you a Plan to resolve or at least to be reconciled to your situation. Today, live in the love, mercy, power, and peace of Jesus. Pass that on to your family.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, February 18, 2018
 Lourdes Hall, St. Mary's
 11:30am - 2:00pm



Please join the Parish at the Knights of Columbus, Holy Rosary Council Charity Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast. For each \$5.00 donation, you will receive a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast and one Younkers Community Days Coupon booklet (Good for the Younker Community Days Event on March 1st thru March 3rd). All proceeds will go to help the Knights of Columbus with their charity work.



May this Lenten season be a time for us to rediscover and renew the graces of our baptism through the contemplation of our Lord's loving sacrifice for our salvation.

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

Religious Education

The Director of Religious Education is currently looking for an energetic person to assist in the Middle School Youth Group program. If you are interested, please contact Kacey Kersman at 231-722-2803, ext. 16 or email her at dre@stmarysmuskegon.org or dre@olgmuskegon.org.

Music Ministry

Do you have a good voice and the desire to serve the Lord with your talent? If so, we need you! Our Lady of Grace church is currently looking for cantors to lead the congregation in song during the 4:00pm Saturday and the 9:00am Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please talk to the pianist or cantor after Mass, or call the parish office for more information.

Bereavement Ministry

Deacon Bill Cook is looking for two volunteers from each parish to help start a grief support ministry. If you are interested, please call Deacon at 231-329-9504.

Liturgy Helpers

St. Mary's is in need of Lectors, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans for the 10:30am and 5:00pm Masses. If interested, please call the parish office.

Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

We are in need of someone to organize the Mobile Food Pantry Ministry. If the Lord is calling you to this ministry please contact the parish office. Training will be provided. If you have any questions, please call the Chandonnet's at 231-755-0357.

Environment Sacristan

St. Mary's is in need of someone to care for the sanctuary plants and flowers as well as other environmental elements during specific liturgical seasons. If interested, please call the parish office.

One At A Time Ministry

This ministry provides home repairs, renovations and the support necessary to allow fellow parishioners to live with dignity. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Greg Russick at 231-755-0180.

Contribution Counters

Counters are needed for Our Lady of Grace and St. Mary's. Commitment would be for one Sunday morning or Monday morning a month for OLG. Commitment would be for one Tuesday morning or one Wednesday afternoon a month for St. Mary's. Please call the parish office if interested.

Provide a Ride to Mass

We have several parishioners who need a ride to Mass from these areas: North Muskegon, Marquette/Getty, McCracken/Norton, Glenside/Park Terrace and Muskegon Heights. If you can help, please call the parish office for details.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!



Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday Mass

February 14, 2018

12:10pm at St. Mary

6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace

6:30pm en Santa María (Español)

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent

6:00pm

February 16 Our Lady of Grace

February 23 St. Mary

March 2 Our Lady of Grace

March 9 St. Mary (Español)

March 16 Our Lady of Grace

March 23 St. Mary*

*Children will walk the Stations with Fr. Matt.

Come for the Stations, Stay for the Soup!

Friday, February 23

Stations at 6:00pm

Soup served at 6:30pm

St. Mary's

Soup will be provided by Catholic Friends followed by a book discussion of "*Saints for Our Times*." Everyone is invited to soup and to participate in the book discussion. If you have not gotten your copy yet, copies are still available in the East hallway at OLG and the narthex at St. Mary's.

Catholic Friends is an opportunity for parishioners of St. Mary's & Our Lady of Grace who are in their 30's-50's to build Community and Faith. Have ideas, suggestions, questions, or want more info? Call/text Amy Paquin at 616-443-1760 or email her at CatholicFriendsMuskegon@gmail.com

Church Regulations

Regarding Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence is granted each Friday of Lent and Passiontide to the faithful, who after Communion piously recite the "Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified" before an image of Christ crucified. On other days of the year the indulgence is partial. Copies of this prayer will be available at St. Mary's for those parishioners wishing to pray after 12:10pm Mass on Friday's. Please note: To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent. (Taken from *The Enchiridion of Indulgences*. Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, 1968, freecatholicbooks.com/books/indulgences.pdf.)

Prayer to Jesus Christ, Crucified

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before your face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech you to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment, while I contemplate with great love and tender pity your five wounds, pondering over them within me, calling to mind the words which David, your prophet, said of you, my good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones" (Ps 22:17-18)

Catholic Q & A

Q: Why is the Eucharist not only a meal but also a sacrifice?

A: While our sins would have made it impossible for us to share in the life of God, Jesus Christ was sent to remove this obstacle. His death was a sacrifice for our sins. Christ is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). Through his death and resurrection, he conquered sin and death and reconciled us to God. The Eucharist is the memorial of this sacrifice. The Church gathers to remember and to re-present the sacrifice of Christ in which we share through the action of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are joined to Christ's sacrifice and receive its inexhaustible benefits. As the Letter to the Hebrews explains, Jesus is the one eternal high priest who always lives to make intercession for the people before the Father. In this way, he surpasses the many high priests who over centuries used to offer sacrifices for sin in the Jerusalem temple. The eternal high priest Jesus offers the perfect sacrifice which is his very self, not something else. "He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption" (Heb 9:12). Jesus' act belongs to human history, for he is truly human and has entered into history. At the same time, however, Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity; he is the eternal Son, who is not confined within time or history. His actions transcend time, which is part of creation. "Passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation" (Heb 9:11), Jesus the eternal Son of God made his act of sacrifice in the presence of his Father, who lives in eternity. Jesus' one perfect sacrifice is thus eternally present before the Father, who eternally accepts it. This means that in the Eucharist, Jesus does not sacrifice himself again and again. Rather, by the power of the Holy Spirit his one eternal sacrifice is made present once again, re-presented, so that we may share in it. Christ does not have to leave where he is in heaven to be with us. Rather, we partake of the heavenly liturgy where Christ eternally intercedes for us and presents his sacrifice to the Father and where the angels and saints constantly glorify God and give thanks for all his gifts: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever" (Rev 5:13). As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "By the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all" (no. 1326). The *Sanctus* proclamation, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord . . .," is the song of the angels who are in the presence of God (Is 6:3). When in the Eucharist we proclaim the *Sanctus* we echo on earth the song of angels as they worship God in heaven. In the eucharistic celebration we do not simply remember an event in history. Rather, through the mysterious action of the Holy Spirit in the eucharistic celebration the Lord's Paschal Mystery is made present and contemporaneous to his Spouse the Church. Furthermore, in the eucharistic re-presentation of Christ's eternal sacrifice before the Father, we are not simply spectators. The priest and the worshiping community are in different ways active in the eucharistic sacrifice. The ordained priest standing at the altar represents Christ as head of the Church. All the baptized, as members of Christ's Body, share in his priesthood, as both priest and victim. The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ, participates in the sacrificial offering of her Head and Spouse. In the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ becomes the sacrifice of the members of his Body who united to Christ form one sacrificial offering (cf. *Catechism*, no. 1368). As Christ's sacrifice is made sacramentally present, united with Christ, we offer ourselves as a sacrifice to the Father. "The whole Church exercises the role of priest and victim along with Christ, offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and itself completely offered in it" (*Mysterium Fidei*, no. 31; cf. *Lumen Gentium*, no. 11). Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-of-jesus-christ-in-the-sacrament-of-the-eucharist-basic-questions-and-answers.cfm>